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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM NEA/ARN

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EIND, SY, US

SUBJECT: ARAB CHAMBER OF COMMERCE VISIT TO U.S.: SYRIAN  
PARTICIPATION

1. WE HAVE LEARNED THAT MINECON AND TRADE IMADI WILL BE  
HEADING SYRIAN DELEGATION ON UPCOMING VISIT OF ARAB CHAMBER  
OF COMMERCE TO UNITED STATES APRIL 17 - MAY 3. WE WOULD  
LIKE TO USE THE OCCASION OF IMADI'S PRESENCE IN WASHINGTON  
(APRIL 20-22) TO HAVE HIM MEET WITH SAUNDERS AND PERHAPS  
GILLIGAN, NOOTER, AND WHEELER. WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE  
SAUNDERS GET ACROSS MESSAGE THAT WE ARE NOT WRITING THE  
SYRIANS OFF IN TERMS OF THE PEACE PROCESS, AND THAT WE  
CONTINUE TO VALUE HIGHLY ALL DIMENSIONS OF OUR BILATERAL  
RELATIONS. WHILE WE WOULD NOT WANT TO APPEAR TO BE SHOWING  
PERFERENTIAL TREATMENT FOR ONE MEMBER OF THE ARAB DELEGATION,  
WE WOULD NOT WANT TO PASS UP ANY OPPORTUNITY LIKE THIS.  
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IMADI APPEARS TO BE THE ONLY MINISTER IN THIS GROUP.

2. BEFORE PROCEEDING FURTHER WITH ARRANGEMENTS FOR MEETINGS  
IN DEPARTMENT FOR IMADI, COULD EMBASSY PLEASE CONFIRM THAT  
IMADI WILL IN FACT BE LEADING SYRIAN DELEGATION. SECONDLY,  
WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR THOUGHTS ON THE ABOVE COURSE OF  
ACTION, AND ANY OTHER SUGGESTIONS. CHRISTOPHER

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